

1 AN ACT

2 relating to venue in the prosecution of certain criminal conduct
3 involving obstruction or retaliation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Article 13.37 to read as follows:

7 Art. 13.37. OBSTRUCTION OR RETALIATION. An offense under
8 Section 36.06(a)(1), Penal Code, may be prosecuted in any county in
9 which:

10 (1) the harm occurs; or

11 (2) the threat to do harm originated or was received.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to venue for the trial of an offense committed on or after the
14 effective date of this Act. Venue for the trial of an offense
15 committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the
16 law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is
17 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
18 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if
19 any element of the offense occurred before that date.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 268 was passed by the House on March 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 268 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor